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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Party at Cope.

Cope, Feb. 27.—One of the prettiest parties of the season was given at the home of Miss Marie Thomas, of Cope, on Thursday evening last, in honor of George Washington's birthday. The house was beautifully decorated for this occasion in flags, bunting and pot flowers. Music was the feature of the evening, many excellent numbers being rendered by the guests. A piano selection was rendered by Mr. W. A. Joyner, of Orangeburg, and a violin solo by Mr. J. Marion Thomas, of Cope, was very much enjoyed.

At ten o'clock the guests took their places for a Virginia reel. They were then invited into the dining room, where the table was prettily decorated with flowers. All kinds of fruit and cake were served by Miss Marie Thomas and Mr. Shellie Hutchins, of Orangeburg.

Those who enjoyed the evening were: Misses Annie and Nellie Whisenhunt, Marie and Geneva Thomas, Blanch Bessinger, Mrs. Thomas Fogle, Ellavease Kennerly, Lizzie Binnicker, Miss Smith, the teacher of the St. George high school, Miss Mary Jennings; Messrs Joe Bessinger, Shellie Hutchins, of Orangeburg, W. A. Joyner, of Orangeburg, Harry Jennings, Gracie Hydrick, of Orangeburg, Frank Edwards and Mr. John Bessinger, of Orangeburg, and Mr. Earle Garrick, of Norway.

Miss Ellavease Kennerly, of Cordova, is spending a few days with Mrs. J. Thomas Fogle, of Cope.

Miss Mary Jennings spent Thursday last with her friend, Miss Marie Thomas, of Cope.

Olar News.

Olar, Feb. 27.—Miss Rosa Hutto returned Monday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Joe Halford, in Blackville.

Mrs. C. F. Rizer entertained the Sewing club last Monday afternoon, in honor of her daughter, Daisy's 16th birthday. A number were present. Among the guests was Mrs. Henry Jumper, of Springfield. Mrs. Rizer served a salad and sweet course.

Mrs. Henry Jumper, of Springfield, is visiting her brother, Dr. Odum, here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hooton, of Denmark, were the guests of Miss Kitty Hooton last Sunday.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Feb. 27.—The Civic league met Thursday of last week at the home of Miss Virginia Durant. Owing to the inclement weather there was a small attendance, but important business was discussed. It was decided to observe "clean-up day" in March and a day will be set on which all business houses and residents will be asked to brighten up their premises. Other important matters were presented by Mrs. Geo. Sanders, the president, and the league hopes to make itself useful in many ways in improving and beautifying the town.

A missionary conference of the Savannah River Baptist association was held in the Baptist church Wednesday. The following ministers and laymen were present: A. E. Reimer, J. H. Edwards, S. P. Cogburn, W. H. Dowling, E. A. McDowell, J. E. McManaway, R. T. Causey, A. W. Owens, J. T. Wilson and G. S. O'Neal.

A play, "Rebecca's Triumph," will be presented by pupils of the high school in the school auditorium Friday evening.

Little Miss Lena Johnston was hostess at a birthday party to her friends Tuesday afternoon. A merry time was had at games. A sweet course was served and pretty little pink baskets of candy were presented as souvenirs.

William Laughlin, mayor of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and James W. Canahan, a prominent capitalist of that place, were visitors here recently, looking over some land near here.

Higher Insurance Rates.

Washington, Feb. 25.—All ports in the British Isles were made "special ports," requiring special rates of insurance from the government war risk bureau by an order issued tonight by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The only "special ports" in the United Kingdom under former orders were those on the North Sea, north of London.

ENGLAND WILL TRY BLOCKADE.

To Stop Commerce From Ports on the Coast of German East Africa.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Formal announcement was made at the State department today of Great Britain's decision to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa from midnight February 28.

The order also extends the special port zone on the continent to include Bordeaux. The previous limit was Dunkirk. The bureau reserves the right to refuse insurance to these ports.

The announcement said: "The British ambassador at this capital has informed the department of State that his government has decided to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa from midnight February 28. This blockade to extend along the whole coast, including islands; that is, from latitude 4 degrees, 41 minutes south, to latitude 10 degrees, 40 minutes south. Four days' grace from the time of institution of the blockade being given for the departure of neutral vessels from blockaded area."

SENATE INCREASES FLEET.

Upper Body Adds Eight Millions to Naval Measure and Passes It.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Congress worked away steadily today and tonight on its task of cleaning up supply bills, which must be out of the way before adjournment on March 4. The senate passed the naval bill, \$152,000,000, the fortifications bill, \$6,000,000, and the diplomatic bill, \$4,200,000, while the house spent the day debating the general deficiency measure, with interruptions now and then to dispose of conference reports.

The senate added about \$8,000,000 to the naval bill as it passed the house, providing in the two battleship construction programme for five sea-going submarines instead of one, for sixteen instead of eleven coast defence submarines, for a gunboat and for a hospital ship, and adding \$1,000,000 for an armor plant and \$500,000 for a projectile factory. Senator Smoot vainly sought to have authorized the construction of fifty sea-going and twenty-five coast submarines, declaring that "no man can tell when the European disturbance will involve this country in difficulties." This precipitated a general discussion of the war.

Fortifications Bill.

The fortifications bill was passed without amendment, so it now goes to the president for his signature. Some \$250,000 was added to the diplomatic bill and a paragraph calling on the president to collect from Cuba \$6,500,000, the expense of the American army of pacification, was stricken out on a point of order.

The house agreed to most of the senate amendments to the army bill, but refused to accept several, including one eliminating the prohibition against stop watches and other "speeding-up" methods in army shops. For the item of \$16,000 to be spent by the president in connection with the formal opening of the Panama canal, the house substituted \$50,000 in the legislative, executive and judicial bill, and instructed its conferees to insist upon that amount.

WOMEN'S VOTE WAS HEAVY.

Over 36,000 for Harrison and Over 57,000 for Sweitzer.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Practically complete returns from yesterday's primaries show that Carter H. Harrison, serving his fifth term as mayor, was defeated for the Democratic nomination by Robert H. Sweitzer, county clerk, by a majority of 77,551.

Votes cast for Mr. Harrison totaled 104,983. Women cast 36,207 of them. For Mr. Sweitzer 182,534 ballots were cast, 57,666 by women.

William Hale Thompson's plurality over Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court, for the Republican nomination for mayor was 2,325.

Mr. Sweitzer is a native of Chicago and is 46 years of age. Mr. Thompson was born in 1869, is a former alderman and was instrumental in having Chicago's first municipal playground established.

Charles M. Thomson, who was opposed as the Progressive candidate, is 36 years old and a lawyer.

Mr. Harrison issued a statement announcing that he would not enter the race as an independent candidate.

"The vote seems to me," he said, "that the people want a 'wide open' town."

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

It is estimated that the farmers of Florence county have planted over 1,500 acres of wheat this year.

The State Industrial school for boys at Florence has established a mattress and broom factory in its plant.

The Judson mills, of Greer ville have been awarded the contract for making the goods for spring uniforms at Winthrop college.

Provision is made for the erection of a statue of Wade Hampton in the statutory hall in the national capitol by a bill just passed by the general assembly.

On account of the demand for goods, the Wallace cotton mill at Jonesville will put on a full night force and offers six nights' pay for five nights' work.

Capt. S. J. B. Schinder has been detailed by the war department to make the annual spring inspections this year at Clemson, the Citadel and the Bailey Military institute.

It is announced that the federal bureau of markets will detail a specialist to work in this State in cooperation with the United States farm demonstration agents and Clemson college.

Mr. Hampton Kitchings, who lives at Kitchings Mill, met death Thursday afternoon when his horse became frightened and ran away. It has been impossible to learn the details, but it is supposed that Mr. Kitchings was thrown from the buggy. He is survived by a wife and child. He was about 40 years of age.

Saturday morning Jim Williams, an employee at the Cotton Oil Mill at Walterboro, while at work in the mill, sustained painful injuries to his arm, which resulted in its amputation just below the elbow. It appears that Williams was at work at the seed crusher and in some way got his arm caught therein. He was operated upon at once by Drs. Esdorn and W. B. Ackerman and is now resting easy.

Where the Carib Sunk.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—(via London.)—It was ascertained today that the point at which the Carib was sunk is ten miles west of Norderney Island, off the Prussian coast. The disaster occurred at 11 o'clock on the morning of February 22. The ship sank quickly.

No information has been obtained why the Carib was following this course.

The two Spaniards who lost their lives were Antonio Martinez, a coal trimmer, and Segunda Blaz, both residents of Corunna, Spain.

Twice for Same Offense.

An old negro was recently brought before a justice. It seemed that Uncle Mose had fallen foul of a bulldog while in the act of entering the hen-house of the dog's owner.

"Lok here, Uncle Mose," the justice said informally, "didn't I give you ten days last month for this same thing? It was the same hen-house you were trying to get into. What have you got to say for yourself?"

Uncle Mose scratched his head. "Marster, yo' sent me ter de chain-gang fer tryin' ter steal some chickens, didn't ye?"

"Yes, that was the charge."

"An' don't de law say yo' can't be charged twice wid de same fence?"

"That no man shall be twice placed in jeopardy for the identical act, yes."

"Den, sah, yo' des has ter let me go, sah. Ah war after de same chickens, sah."

"That horn doesn't blow, sir," said the friendly salesman.

"Wrap it up," said Uncle Tobias, thinking of his sweet little nephew.

"That's the kind of a horn I want." "Woman's Home Companion."

"But," said a member of the building committee to the architect, "you haven't a single spire on the church."

"No. In these days of advanced civilization it is better to build your churches war-proof."—Detroit Free Press.

She—Didn't you think the people at Mrs. Gander's reception were all exceptionally dull?

"Yes, but you know it was authors' day."

BOARD BEFORE GOVERNOR.

Barnwell Members Deny Charges Brought Concerning Dispensary.

Columbia, Feb. 25.—Hearing on the order for the members of the Barnwell dispensary board to show cause why they should not be removed from office was begun today before Governor Richard I. Manning. The hearing, which was held in the supreme court room, was attended by a half hundred citizens of Barnwell county. The members of the board cited to appear by the governor are: B. F. Peeples, V. S. Owens and S. A. Wise. The first session was begun at 11 o'clock and ended at 2 o'clock. During the afternoon several witnesses were examined. Governor Manning made it clear that his order was issued upon affidavits submitted.

"I want to arrive at the facts. I don't want to have technicalities injected into the case," said Governor Manning.

Many affidavits were read at the hearing by both sides.

The attorneys for the dispensary board read affidavits denying each and every charge preferred in the governor's order.

The attorneys for the prosecution withdrew the charge of "habitual drunkenness," which had been brought against V. S. Owens, a member of the board. More than a score of affidavits were read to disprove the charge that Mr. Owens was addicted to the use of whiskey. The resolutions adopted by the Barnwell Bar association and the town council endorsing Mr. Owens were introduced as evidence.

The members of the board in their return denied that worthless goods had been purchased for the dispensaries; that excessive price had been paid for whiskey; stated that the salary of employees was entirely within the discretion of the members; denied that relatives had been knowingly appointed as dispensers.

"We were greatly surprised at the complaints and we do not fear to approach an investigation," was the statement contained in one of the affidavits.

I. L. Tobin, clerk of the board, denied in an affidavit that worthless goods had been purchased by the dispensary board.

Several of the county dispensers sent affidavits denying that they had been furnished with "unsalable liquor" by the dispensary board.

The report of the special committee of the grand jury, which praised the work of the dispensary board, was read at the hearing. The grand jury recommended that the contract for hauling whiskey be awarded by competitive bids, taking the position that \$200 a month, as paid now, is too high.

Attorneys for the board objected to the introduction of oral testimony, on the ground that no opportunity was given to make answer.

"I can better arrive at the facts in the case after hearing the testimony," said Governor Manning in reply to the attorneys. The governor indicated that he might permit the board to make answer to any statements that the witnesses might make.

W. I. Johns, member of the special committee of the grand jury appointed to investigate the dispensary, was the first witness at the hearing. He took the stand immediately after the reading of the affidavits. He substantiated statements already made in his affidavits and gave information as to "unsalable" whiskey furnished the county dispensaries by the county board.

"Our report on the dispensaries was a farce. We simply adopted the auditor's report," said Mr. Johns.

After a long session tonight the Barnwell hearing was brought to a close until March 4, when arguments by attorneys will be heard. No new testimony will be introduced.

PROHIBITION IN COLORADO.

Legislature Completes Law to Enforce Statute.

Denver, Col., March 1.—The Colorado legislature today completed the law to enforce the State-wide constitutional prohibition amendment, effective January 1, 1916. The senate and house adopted the report of the conference committee, which alters the administration bill in two essentials.

One reduced from six to four ounces the quantity of liquor to be sold by druggists on a physician's prescription, and the other provides that a druggist can keep on hand liquor valued at 1 per cent. of the value of his stock. The measure now goes to the governor.

JONES HEADS COMMISSION

RESIGNS AS COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Carlton W. Sawyer, of Orangeburg, Appointed to Succeed A. W. Jones.

Columbia, Feb. 27.—The State tax commission was appointed by Governor Manning this morning as follows: A. W. Jones, of Columbia, chairman; W. G. Query, of Spartanburg, and J. P. Derham, of Conway. Mr. Jones immediately resigned as comptroller general and the governor appointed Carlton W. Sawyer, of Orangeburg, to succeed him.

The State tax commission was selected by the governor after careful study and after giving the closest attention to the personnel with especial attention to their fitness and ability, and it is believed that the appointments made by Governor Manning on this tax commission will meet the unqualified approval of the people of South Carolina, for they are each peculiarly fitted for the work.

Authority on Taxes.

Mr. A. W. Jones, who is the chairman of the commission, has been comptroller general for twelve years, and in that time has made a special study of the tax questions, so much so that he is recognized throughout the country as an expert and an authority on the matter. This comes in with his line of work and round out a career of usefulness and service seldom equalled in South Carolina. For several years Mr. Jones has been recommending a central tax commission and no one is better qualified than he is to equalize tax assessments and make the law uniform and impartial.

Mr. J. P. Derham, of Horry county, who was also appointed on the tax commission, was comptroller general of the State before Mr. Jones and is himself an expert on the tax question. His fitness for the position is also well known over the State.

Spartan Farmer.

Mr. W. G. Query, the other member of the tax commission, is a farmer of Spartanburg county, and at present a member of the general assembly, which position he will resign. He first came into prominence as foreman of the grand jury which took such a fearless stand for law and order in his home county and went after the lynchers. His splendid grasp of business came into favorable notice during his work as foreman of the grand jury investigating the county officers and his recommendations as to the county finances. He is one of the most promising of the younger men in public life in South Carolina, and no appointment that Governor Manning has made will meet with more universal approval than this one. The governor is particularly happy in finding three such able and worthy men to serve on the tax commission.

The New Comptroller.

Carlton W. Sawyer, of Orangeburg, was today appointed by Governor Manning as comptroller general of South Carolina vice A. W. Jones, resigned, to become chairman of the State tax commission. The appointment of Mr. Sawyer is a recognition of merit and ability which are the main reasons why the governor selects an individual for appointment. He is being heartily congratulated on selecting Mr. Sawyer, than whom there is no more worthy or more popular man in Columbia and South Carolina.

Carlton Wilkes Sawyer, comptroller general, is a native of Orangeburg county, having been born at "Sawyerdale," in that county. He is the youngest of eight children, all of whom are living. His mother was Elizabeth Bamberg, sister to former State Treasurer Isaac Bamberg and the late Gen. Francis Marion Bamberg, of Bamberg, and died shortly after his birth, and his father, Wilkes Sawyer, moved the family to the town of Orangeburg in 1880 in order to educate his children.

AMERICAN KILLED.

Wm Bazzel, of Pensacola, Lost Life When Steamer Blew Up.

Washington, Feb. 26.—One American, William Bazzel, of Pensacola, an assistant engineer on the American steamer Carib, was killed when the ship was sunk by a mine in the North Sea February 22.

The American consul general at Rotterdam reported Bazzel's death today with that of two Spaniards, members of the crew. He added that the survivors were taken to Bremerhaven on a German patrol boat and will be sent home on the first ship.

A. C. L. SPECIAL IN WRECK.

Engine, Baggage Car and Diner Derailed.—No One Hurt.

Dillon, March 1.—The Florida Special, one of the finest trains of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, was wrecked here early this morning. The engine of the special went into the side-track occupied by a freight train and ploughed through four refrigerator cars, all of which were empty, then plunged from the track into the middle of Railroad avenue, where it is now, waiting for the wrecking crew to raise it. The baggage car and diner left the track also, but were practically uninjured, being of steel construction. None of the sleepers were derailed and many of the passengers were not aware of the wreck. The freight boxes were literally splintered.

It is remarkable that no one was seriously injured. Many hundreds have visited the scene during the day. Another engine was sent over from Florence and the train went on its northward journey with only a few hours' delay.

HAUL DOWN STARS AND STRIPES

American Flag on Dacia's Masts Lowered at Brest, France.

New York, March 1.—The American flag which flew over the steamship Dacia, captured last week by a French cruiser and taken into Brest, has been hauled down and the American consul at Brest is sending the Dacia's crew back to New York, according to cablegrams received here today.

A message from Capt. McDonald, of the Dacia, to Edward N. Breitung, the vessel's owner, says:

"Dacia detained here; flag down; French official on board; American consul sending crew to New York. Shall I remain and look after interests?"

Capt. McDonald was instructed to remain and to insist also upon the crew remaining. To the American consul at Brest Mr. Breitung addressed a message inquiring why the Dacia was detained and why her flag was hauled down and requesting the consul to look after his interests there.

BIG WHEAT SUPPLY.

Italy Contracted for 49,500,000 Bushels in United States.

Rome, Feb. 28.—Steps taken to supply Italy with wheat were defended by Minister of Agriculture Calasola yesterday in the chamber of deputies. The minister declared the government had made enormous purchases in the United States and Argentina. The total amount contracted for abroad, he said, was 49,500,000 bushels. About one-third of the amount already has arrived.

The minister declared that in view of the government's precautions a wheat famine would be impossible, because the supply would last until after the Italian harvest.

After the speech of the signor the Socialists provoked a political test vote and were defeated, 314 to 44.

ATTACK ON DARDANELLES.

Fort Twelve Miles Up Straits Reported to Have Been Silenced.

London, March 1.—The attack of the allied fleet on the Dardanelles has been interrupted. An official information bureau statement said tonight the operations were being delayed by bad weather. The statement follows:

"The secretary of the admiralty makes the following announcement: The operations in the Dardanelles are again delayed by unfavorable weather. A strong northeasterly gale is blowing, with rain and mist, which would render long range fire and aeroplane observation difficult."

According to the Daily Mail's Athens correspondent, Fort Dardanus, twelve miles up the Dardanelles, on the Asiatic side, has been silenced by the allied fleet.

The correspondent adds that diplomatic reports from Constantinople indicate that serious rioting there was suppressed after many arrests.

Future of Dardanelles.

The Temps asserts that an agreement has been reached between France, Great Britain and Russia regarding the future status of the Dardanelles, which will give Russia free passage of the straits.

UTAH TO BECOME DRY.

State-wide Prohibition Bill Passes House.

Salt Lake City, March 1.—The State-wide prohibition bill passed the house today. It already had passed the senate.